



**Rotary**  
Club of Susitna Alaska



### Club Meeting

Susitna  
Meets at Everett's  
Restaurant at the  
Mat-Su Resort  
1850 East Bogard  
Road  
Wasilla, AK 99654  
Time: Wednesday at  
06:00 PM

### Speakers

#### August 14, 2024

Jeff Curtis, CEO  
2024 Alaska State  
Fair

#### August 21, 2024

James Grogan  
Museum of Alaska  
Transportation &  
Industry

#### August 28, 2024

Club Assembly  
followed by a board  
meeting

Logan Rein will be  
presenting on his  
experience as a  
Youth Exchange  
student in  
Switzerland during  
the 2023-24 Rotary  
year. Patrick  
Logano, DACdb  
CEO, will also be  
participating in the  
Assembly.

#### September 04, 2024

Jon Hunt, Frontier  
Safety & Supply  
Life Saving for  
Amateurs

#### September 11, 2024

Dr. Randy Trani  
Matanuska-Susitna

### Aug 14th: Jeff Curtis, CEO of the Alaska State Fair

Join us tonight to hear Jeff Curtis, CEO of the Alaska State Fair, give an update on this year's concerts and activities at the annual Alaska State Fair.

**Wednesday, August 14, 6:00pm**

Meet in Person at

**Everett's at The Mat-Su Resort**

Via Zoom at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5415605940?pwd=ZFJWk1lZbnJSTHpaOGY1KzErbTlVdz09>



### Aug 16th: All Club Rotary Meeting at the Fair

Please spread the word at your Rotary meetings and invite friends to our *Rotary Fellowship at the Fair*.

**Date:** Friday, August 16th

**Location:** Alaska State Fair, Purple Gate, White Tent

**Time:** 12:00 pm

**Cost:** \$30

***Parking is Free!***

Borough School District

**September 18, 2024**

[Todd Smolden](#)  
Governor Dunlevy  
Education Plan

**September 25, 2024**

[Club Assembly](#)  
followed by a board  
meeting

**October 02, 2024**

Mat-Su Candidates  
Joint meeting with  
the Greater Wasilla  
Chamber of  
Commerce for a  
candidate forum  
ahead of the  
November  
elections.

**October 09, 2024**

[Louisa](#)

[Branchflower,](#)  
[Onward & Upward](#)

Onward and  
Upward offers a  
variety of programs  
that educate and  
engage participants  
to step outside of  
their comfort zones  
to discover their  
strengths.

**October 16, 2024**

[Brenda Sheldon](#)  
District Governor  
Presentation

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[Brenda Sheldon](#)  
DG Official Visit

**October 23, 2024**

[Isaac Smolden](#)  
My House  
Production Team

**October 30, 2024**

[Club Assembly](#)  
followed by a board  
meeting

TRF - upcoming  
fundraiser

**December 18, 2024**

[Club Holiday Party](#)  
& [Officer Elections](#)

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Fundraiser](#)

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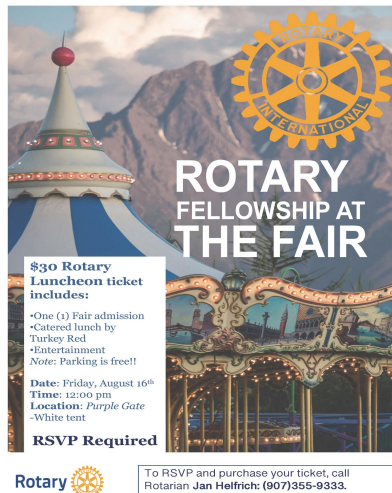
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RSVP is required, so **call Jan Helfrich at (907)355-9333**.

There will be live entertainment, a presentation from Representative DeLena Johnson and lunch from Turkey Red. This year, the **white tent** will be located just inside the **Purple Gate** (where the slingshot was located). We hope you will join us for this Rotary Fellowship and then enjoy our Alaska State Fair!

Please spread the word at your Rotary meetings and invite friends to our *Rotary Fellowship at the Fair*.



**ROTARY FELLOWSHIP AT THE FAIR**

**\$30 Rotary Luncheon ticket includes:**

- One (1) Fair admission
- Catered lunch by Turkey Red
- Entertainment
- Note: Parking is free!

**Date:** Friday, August 16th  
**Time:** 12:00 pm  
**Location:** Purple Gate  
-White tent

**RSVP Required**

To RSVP and purchase your ticket, call  
Rotarian Jan Helfrich: (907)355-9333.

## Aug 17th - ROTARY Foundation 2024 Kick-Off Meeting



Planning meeting for the  
**Rotary Foundation (TRF) Fundraiser**  
**Saturday, August 17th**  
**10:00am**

Want to be involved in organizing the Valley Rotary clubs' annual joint TRF fundraiser this fall? Then come to the Foundation Fundraiser kick-off meeting this Saturday, August 17th, to discuss the upcoming event.

The meeting will be held at 570 S. Knik St., Wasilla, AK 99654.

This year's fundraiser will take place on Saturday, November 9th, at Evangelo's restaurant. All Rotarians are encouraged to both donate items for the silent and/or live auction as well as attend this fun event!

Questions?

Josh Waisanen  
Susitna Rotary Club Foundation Chair  
(425) 350-5729

## Aug 17th: Houston Founders Day

**Houston Founder's Day**  
**Saturday, August 17th, 2024**  
**6:00pm**

Susitna Rotary is supporting the City of Houston in their annual Houston Founder's Day celebration. They need help with cooking hot dogs, the pie eating contest, turkey shoot and other tasks as assigned. Please let Marty or Cheryl Metiva know if you can assist. Come out to [Houston Founders Day](#) and enjoy a day of wonderful events tailored for the entire family. The annual event is entirely FREE to attend! There will be a variety of vendors and a smorgasbord of your favorite food trucks! Take part in kids games such as the egg toss and an assortment other games for all ages! Try your luck at the Pie Eating Contest as you listen to live music and entertainment! There will be bouncy houses galore and a lively parade. End the day with a huge, spectacular fireworks show.



**Houston Founders Day 2024**  
**Schedule of Events**



Celebrate Houston's 58th Birthday on Saturday, August 17, 2024

Join us at the Houston Public Safety Building at Mile 57 Parks Highway in Houston for the Celebration!

6:30 - 7:00 **Parade** - Free Entry - Line up at 6 PM - Prizes and Trophies! - 1st \$100 and 2nd \$50  
For information call: Adam Rein at 841-3883, or show up before 6pm!

6:45 - 9:00 **Free Gourmet Hot Dog Feed** - Houston Fire Department

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## Club Leaders



[Aaron Coman](#)  
President



[Kimberly W. Erickson](#)  
President-Elect



[Samantha Shannon](#)  
France Secretary



[Erin Cruz](#)  
Treasurer



[Rodger Cheadle](#)  
Club Director



[Kathleen M. Timm](#)  
Attendance Secretary



[Ginger Hartman](#)  
Club Membership Chair



[Adam Rein](#)  
Club Service Projects Chair

[Josh Waisanen](#)

Sponsors: Three Bears Alaska, Alaska Food Co, Matnaska Electric Association, & Dayl Homes for House

7:00 - 10:45 Music by Wild Cat Trio - Come enjoy rockabilly blues and good old-fashioned rock n' roll!  
Music by DJ Red- Keeping the beats pumpin' and your feet thumpin'  
Sponsor: Houston Grass Campground

In Front of Station  
7:45, 8:45, 9:45 Free Blueberry Pie Eating Contest - \$100 1<sup>st</sup> prize - Find Josh the Otter to Enter  
Sponsor: Northern Legacy Auto Care, & Susitna Rotary Club

8:15, 9:15 Free Egg Toss - \$100 1<sup>st</sup> prize  
Sponsor: Willow True Valley Hardware Club of Susitna Alaska

In the Big Circle  
7:15, 8:15, 9:15 Aerial View - Alluring Aerial Acrobatics

7:35, 8:35, 9:35 Medieval Knight Combat - Barony, Selvigard, Society, Creative Anachronism

7:55, 8:55 Alaska Fire Circus - 9:55pm The Daring & Enchanting Fire Dance Spectacular  
9:55pm The "Big Choreographed Show" / 7:55pm & 8:55pm Free Style Shows

Continuous Activities  
7:00 - 10:00 Free Kids Field Games by Youth 360 & Thrive Mat-Su  
7 - 9pm Carnival games, races, crafts, & prizes for kids of all ages  
9 - 10:15pm Coins in the Hat, & Free glow necklaces

7:00 - 10:00 Free Inflatable Play Area - Two Inflatable Obstacle Courses, Two Inflatable Slides  
Sponsor: Mat-Su Valley Cancer Center

7:00 - 10:00 Free Petting Zoo - Party Ponies and Friends

7:00 - 9:00 Free Youth Turkey Shoot - Turkeys for age group winners - BB guns provided

7:00 - 10:00 Magic Shows by Magic Don - Free ongoing performances

7:00 - 10:00 Free Poker Tournament - \$100 1<sup>st</sup> prize with Trophy - Free entries  
Prelims 7 - 9pm: Finals 9pm Sponsor: EZ Rent

7:00 - 10:00 Free Earthquake Simulation - Safe yet realistic experience of earthquake-like shaking

Kh10:30/Dark Spectacular Fireworks Show  
Sponsors: Gorilla Fireworks, Houston Lions Club, & Northern Asphalt  
Thank you to our Master of Ceremonies: Marty Metiva

Many Thanks to Our Other Sponsors: Millers Market, HP Polar's, Susitna Rotary Club, MTA, The Home Inspector Alaska, Valley Fuel, Diversified Tire, Subway Mat-Su, First National Bank of Alaska, SubwayFrontiersman, Mat Su Regional, Walmart, Conoco Phillips, Denali Refuge, Bob's Services, Kwik Towing and Wrecking, Willow True Valley Hardware, Fishers Fuel, K-HITZ 107.1, & Northrim Bank

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ALASKA FOOD CO.

For information, please call Robert at 232-8888 or 892-6557  
To Sponsor, Please Call Cheryl at 315-9920  
Sorry, No Pets Allowed.

## Cheryl Metiva and Diane Fejes appointed to Regional Leadership Positions

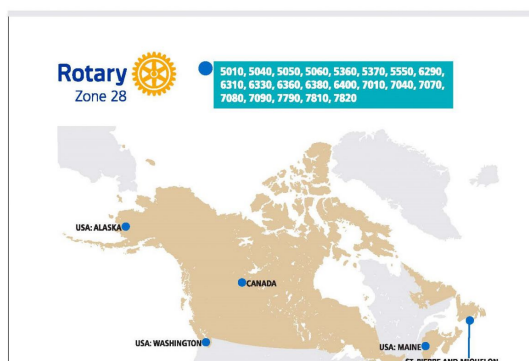
Congratulations to Rotary District 5010's past district governors Cheryl Metiva and Diane Fejes on their appointment to regional leadership positions for the Rotary year 2025-26.

These regional leaders were appointed by President-elect Mário César Martins de Camargo and Trustee Chair-elect Holger Knaack in consultation with senior and regional leaders. They will join 103 other regional leaders worldwide in serving Rotary in 2025-26.

Cheryl Metiva will be a RPIC and Diane Feges has been appointed to be the RRFCC for Region 35, Zone 28. Now, what do all these abbreviations mean?

**RPIC = Rotary Public Image Coordinator**

**RRFC = Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator**





Club Rotary  
Foundation  
Chair



Cheryl L.  
Metiva  
Club  
Service  
Chair



Lynn  
Mitchell  
Club Youth  
Services  
Chair



Robert  
Allan  
Grogan  
iPast  
President



Samantha  
Jo Aarthun  
Club  
Fundraising  
Chair



Jack W.  
Timm  
Past  
Presidents  
Chair

## Birthdays

Robert Allan  
Grogan  
August 17th

Eric Wellman  
August 24th

Naomi Sweetman  
August 29th

Lynn Mitchell  
September 16th

Dan Phillips  
September 18th

Lisa Phillips  
September 22nd

Wanetta Lemley  
September 23rd

Adam Rein  
September 27th

## Wedding Anniversaries

Adam Rein  
August 17th

Samantha Shannon  
France  
August 26th

Randi C Madison  
August 28th

David Stratton  
September 12th



## 2024-2025 Rotary D5010 inbound YE Students

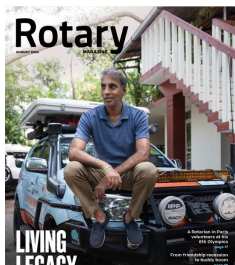
Last week we got to meet all of Rotary District 5010's inbound Youth Exchange (YE) students. These 11 young men and women were an impressive group!

The takeaway from the presentation that evening was that each of us has the opportunity to participate in this incredible program by simply inviting one of these brave teens to join us for dinner or some other activity during the year.

Susitna Rotary's student is Leo Hsin-Liang from Taiwan. Leo is attending Houston High School and his first host family is Marty and Cheryl Metiva. If you are interested in hosting or simply want to take Leo for an outing, please contact Lynn Mitchell ([tedyberly@hotmail.com](mailto:tedyberly@hotmail.com) or cell [907-715-4992](tel:907-715-4992)), the club's YE Officer.



## Rotary Magazine - August 2024



In parts of the world, barriers to organ transplants are showing signs of weakening because of grassroots advocacy, changes in laws and policy, and early experimental treatments, granting the issue its biggest spotlight in years. In this month's *Rotary* magazine, we tell you about the members seizing on the moment to promote lifesaving donation.

[Click here](#) to read your digital copy of the August 2024 issue.

August is Rotary's Membership and New Club Development Month. To celebrate, we're exploring one of the top reasons people join and stay in Rotary: friendship. We're learning from research how important friendship is to our health, yet a "friendship recession" has left



many of us feeling disconnected. Meet the Rotary members turning a friendship recession into a friendship boom.

In the Our World section, we look at a novel project supported by Rotary clubs to sink an armada of decommissioned military ships and aircraft off the Mexican coast to form artificial reefs and support marine life. And finally, in this month's Handbook, you'll learn about the history of the peace pole movement and find tips on how your club can make a mark by dedicating one.

Have a story tip? Drop us a note at [magazine@rotary.org](mailto:magazine@rotary.org) and tell us your inspiring Rotary stories. As always, when you see an article that you would like to share with a friend or colleague, use the Share feature to send them access. Prefer to listen? Check out the *Rotary Voices* [podcast](#) for audio versions of the magazine's best storytelling, along with full episodes featuring exclusive bonus interviews. Please subscribe, and, if you enjoy what you hear, give us a positive rating or review.

Sincerely,  
Your *Rotary* magazine editorial team

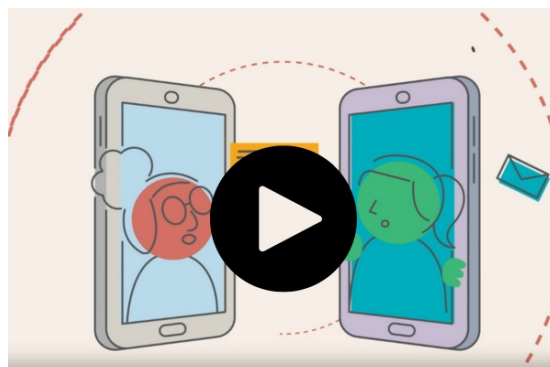
## Aug 21st: OFFSITE meeting at Museum of Alaska Transportation & Industry

James Grogan  
OFFSITE MEETING to be held at  
Museum of Alaska Transportation & Industry  
Wednesday, August 21st, 2024 6:00pm



James Grogan (no relation to Rob and Lanissa Grogan) will be giving an overview of Alaska's largest museum. The Museum of Alaska Transportation and Industry (MATI) was established to give a home to the transportation and industrial remnants of Alaska's series of booms and busts. It helps to tell the stories of the people and machines that opened Alaska to exploration and growth.

## Rotary Member benefits you might not know about



Watch video (2:43 min): Member benefits you might not know about

Being a Rotary member offers you benefits far beyond your club. Rotary International has resources to help you plan and complete service projects, connect with experts and like-minded people around the world, collaborate with young leaders, build a global network, and do even more. Being a member also gives you ways to continue your own growth, such as by attending the Rotary International Convention and taking courses online in our

attending the Rotary International Convention and taking courses online in our Learning Center. [Learn more about what you can get from your Rotary membership.](#)

## Save the Dates!

Susitna Rotarians have lots of opportunities in the upcoming months to serve the community and have some fun. Mark your calendars and stay tuned each week for more details as the various events unfold.

Date			Event	Location	RSVP required?
Aug	16th	Fri	Rotary at the Fair	Purple Gate/White Tent	Yes - Jan Helfrich (907)355-9333 <b>\$30</b> includes lunch, parking, entertainment
Oct	12th	Sat	Rotary Uncorked Goes Out of this World	Curtis Menard Sports Center	Purchase tickets in advance
Nov	9th	Sat	The Rotary Foundation Fundaiser	Evangelo's	Purchase tickets in advance
Dec	18th	Wed	Club Holiday Party & Officer Elections	TBD	
Mar	2nd	Sun	Iditarod Restart Party & End Polio Now Fundraiser	Tryg & Kim Erickson Willow, AK	No ... bring family and friends
Apr			RYLA		Yes - volunteer to chaperone
May	1st	Thu	District Assembly	Juneau	Yes - register through DACdb
May	2nd-4th	Fri-Sun	District Conference	Juneau	Yes - register through DACdb
May	21st	Wed	Big Lake Library Cleanup	Big Lake Library	No ... bring family and friends
Jun	7th	Sat	Lil Su Classic River Cleanup	Lil Su River Pavilion	No ... bring family and friends
Jun	21-25th	Sat-Wed	Rotary International Convention	Calgary, Canada	Yes - registry in advance
Jun	19th	Wed	Passing of the Gavel	TBD	



## Youth Exchange Message 2024

Tuesday, April 23, 2024



Would you like to embark on an adventure as a **Rotary Exchange Student** and transform your world perspective? Now is the time to contact us as we start recruiting for the 2025/2026 school year! Interviews will be conducted in **September & October.**

Check out additional information on the [Youth Exchange Page](#)

## RYLA Link Page



*Click image for upcoming RYLA Events*

